

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: KOVACEVIC, et al.
Serial No.: 10/649,927
Filing Date: August 25, 2003
Group Art Unit: 1725
Confirmation No.: 6116
Examiner: Geoffrey S. Evans
Title: **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR CONTROLLING THE
SIZE OF THE MOLTEN POOL IN LASER-BASED
ADDITIVE MANUFACTURING**

Mail Stop AMENDMENT

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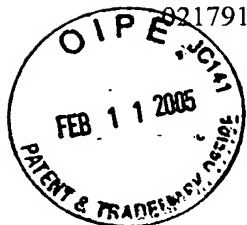
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In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed February 7, 2005, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the rejections of the claims and the objections to the Application in view of the following amendments and/or the comments set forth below.